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REMARKS

Claims 18-25 are pending in the application. Claims 18-25 stand rejected. Claim 18 is an independent claim. The remaining claims depend either directly or indirectly from the independent claim.

Claims 21, 22 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as based on an disclosure which is not enabling. Applicant has amended these claims such that the claims are consistent with the disclosure. The basis for these amendments are Figure 5, steps 37, 39 and 40 and paragraphs 36, 38 and 39.

Claims 18-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Duvall et al (US patent 4,761,737). Applicant respectfully traverse the examiner's assertion. Applicant's present invention defines a step of constructing a file identifier for that file system object from said unique physical attribute and said file system object name. Contrary to the examiner's assertion, Duvall does not describe this activity. In order to sustain a rejection based on anticipation under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) the reference must describe each element of the claim. Contrary to the examiner's statement that all elements are disclosed in the cited reference Duvall, the step of constructing a file identifier for that file system object from said unique physical attribute and said file system object name is not, there the rejection is unsupported by the art and should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the cited reference does not anticipate Applicant's present invention. Applicant further submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections and passage to issuance is respectfully requested. No other fees are believed to be due. If Applicant is incorrect in this belief, please apply these charges or any credits, to Deposit Account 09-4447 (Reference Number ASU920010163US2).

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Applicant believes this reply to be fully responsive to all outstanding issues and place this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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